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Fig. 4 is comprised of Figs. 4A and 4B which illustrate a flowchart detailing the steps for importing data from various databases;

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Fig. 5 is comprised of Figs. 5A and 5B which illustrate a flowchart detailing the step for importing data that contains citation data;

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Fig. 4, which is comprised of Figs. 4A and 4B, is a flowchart that outlines the grouping of content from the different databases. The relevant fields contained in a record, based on the parameters of Fig. 3, are imported 410 from the patent file 405. In step 420, it's determined whether or not the patent record has already been imported. This is accomplished by comparing the record identifier i.e. access number, with those already obtained. If the patent record has already been acquired within the current column, then control returns to step 410 and a different patent record is imported. If the patent record has not already been imported, meaning a duplicate is not found, then in step 425, the patent record is grouped based on a common field. .

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Fig. 5, which is comprised of Figs. 5A and 5B, is a flowchart that outlines the steps for acquiring citation information on the patent records obtained. The citation information are the patents and articles, that were cited as references in the prosecution of the patent. The steps for acquiring citation information is similar to the steps used to acquire the patent records of Fig. 4. The citation information is usually acquired from databases such as the Derwent Patent Citation Index, however any database that contains citation information may be used to acquire the citation information.